

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ABU DH 00256 030916Z

21

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 W
----- 003428

R 030905Z FEB 75
FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2535
INFO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 0256

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OEXC, EAID
SUBJ: SYRIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

REF: DAMASCUS 325

1. SORRY TO HEAR OF CONTRETEMPS ABOUT SYRIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AND HOPE THAT IN DUE COURSE SARG'S FEELINGS WILL BE ASSUAGED AND PROGRAM CAN BE RESTORED. WE WILL OF COURSE LAY OFF DOWN HERE WHILE THESE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS PROCEED. IT WAS AT SHAIKH KHALIFA'S REQUEST THAT WE DID NOT INFORM ANYONE ELSE HERE (SHAIKH KHALIFA SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED SYRIAN AMBASSADOR), BUT IT IS NOT SURPRISING, SINCE UAE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS FULL OF EXPATRIATE ADVISORS, THAT SOMEONE INFOR- ED SYRIAN AMBASSADOR. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS SUPER-ARAB NATIONALIST WHO HAS PROBABLY DONE HIS BEST TO PORTRAY THIS AS SOME KIND OF INSULT TO SYRIAN PRIDE.

2. ALTHOUGH SYRIAN AMBASSADOR MAY HAVE COMPLAINED TO GOVERNMENT HERE, I AM REASONABLY CONFIDENT THERE WILL BE NO LASTING EFFECT ON US-UEAEG RELATIONS. I WILL HOWEVER SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON SHAIKH KHALIFA TO EXPLAIN SITUATION. I WILL POINT OUT THAT THROUGHOUT IT HAS BEEN OUR DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL, BUT WE SEEM TO HAVE RUN INTO SOME SYRIAN SENSITIVITIES WHICH WE HOPE CAN BE OVERCOME IN TIME. IN MEANTIME I WILL ASK HIM TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE ANY QUESTION OF ABU DHABI PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM.

STERNER

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ABU DH 00256 030916Z

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: johnsorg
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975ABUDH00256
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750038-0582
From: ABU DHABI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750279/aaaacthg.tel
Line Count: 60
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 75 DAMASCUS 325
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: johnsorg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 AUG 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <08 DEC 2003 by johnsorg>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SYRIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
TAGS: OEXC, EAID, TC, SY, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006